

Element Performance Inspection (EPI)

1.3.5 MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance (AW)

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To ensure the Air Carrier operates its aircraft in accordance with Minimum Equipment List (MEL) / Configuration Deviation List (CDL) / Deferred Maintenance policies, procedures, and controls.

Objective (FAA responsibility):

To determine if the Air Carrier follows its MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance policies, procedures, and controls.

Specific Instructions for this EPI:

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector will review the aircraft logbook for proper MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance actions. The inspector should verify the appropriate placards have been installed. This verification should include a determination that the issuance of the MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance items were in accordance with the Air Carrier's policies and procedures. The inspector should also observe aircraft deferrals to determine all maintenance requirements and time limitations of the deferral programs are met.

Related EPIs:

- 1.1.1 Aircraft Airworthiness (AW)
- 1.1.2 Appropriate Operational Equipment (AW)
- 1.2.1 Airworthiness Release / Logbook Entry (AW)
- 1.2.2 Major Repairs and Alterations Records (AW)
- 1.2.3 Maintenance Log / Recording Requirements (AW)
- 1.3.3 Maintenance Facility / Main Maintenance Base (AW)
- 5.1.1 Line Stations (AW)

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To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review the MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance policies and procedures.
4. Review and assess the results of the MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance program(s).
5. Review and assess appropriate MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance records.
6. When accessible, visually inspect aircraft for MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance compliance.

To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:

1. Were the following performance measures met:

<i>1.1 The Air Carrier operated the aircraft in accordance with their approved Minimum Equipment List (MEL).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.2 The Air Carrier operated the aircraft in accordance with the approved Configuration Deviation List (CDL).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.3 The Air Carrier operated the aircraft in accordance with their Deferred Maintenance policies and procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.4 The Air Carrier ensured MEL extensions were within limits identified by the MEL Program.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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2. Were the Air Carrier's MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance procedures followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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3. Were the Air Carrier's MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance program controls followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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4. Did the Air Carrier's records comply with the MEL / CDL / Deferred Maintenance policies and procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SRRs:

- 14 CFR 121.628 (a, b). “Inoperable instruments and equipment.”

Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:

- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 63, “Evaluate FAR Parts 121/135.411 (a)(2) Company Manual/Revision.”
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 84, “FAR Part 121/135, Operations Specifications.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 8, “Air Carrier Management Effectiveness.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 4, Chap. 4, “Minimum Equipment Lists (MEL) and Configuration Deviation Lists (CDL).”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 6, Chap. 2, “Specific Types of Inspections.”
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).